UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE NASHVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA)	
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v.)	NO. 3:18-cr-224
)	JUDGE RICHARDSON
CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL JOHNSON)	
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ORDER

By Order entered on October 19, 2018 (Doc. No. 34), Judge Trauger transferred this case to the undersigned district judge. The dates and deadlines set in this Order supersede any set by Judge Trauger.

The trial in this case is scheduled for **February 12, 2019, at 9:00 a.m.** The pretrial conference is scheduled for **February 1, 2019, at 3:00 p.m.** All lawyers who will try the case shall attend the pretrial conference. A status conference is scheduled for **January 4, 2019, at 9:30 a.m.** All pretrial motions shall be filed no later than six weeks prior to the above-stated trial date. Responses shall be filed within fourteen days. Any reply should be filed within seven days of the response.

Speedy Trial Act

The Defendant has filed a waiver of speedy trial (Doc. No. 27). The Court concludes that the period of delay until February 12, 2019 is reasonable and is excludable under the Speedy Trial Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 3161, *et seq*. The Court specifically finds that the interests of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the interests of the public and the Defendant in a speedy trial on the date previously scheduled. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A), (B). The diminished weight of the Defendant's interest in a speedy trial is reflected by his choice to submit a speedy trial waiver.

Moreover, the Defendant is likely to be prejudiced if he is not adequately prepared for trial despite due diligence, and the public interest will not be served if such prejudice ultimately requires this case to be retried.

Change of Plea

Any plea agreement shall be consummated no later than two weeks before the above-stated trial date, and the Courtroom Deputy so notified. Likewise, if the Defendant opts to plead guilty without a plea agreement, the Courtroom Deputy shall be so notified no later than two weeks before the above-stated trial date. If a plea agreement is submitted or if the Defendant opts to plead guilty without a plea agreement, the hearing to take the plea will take place on **February 1, 2019**, at 3:00 p.m. In advance of any plea hearing, the Government shall submit to chambers the proposed plea agreement (if any) and the plea elements, and counsel for Defendant shall submit a plea petition by noon three days prior to the plea hearing.

If the case is to be tried, the parties shall file the following by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before trial:

- 1. An agreed set of case specific jury instructions, with citations to supporting authorities.
- 2. Alternative versions of jury instructions on which there is not an agreement, with citations to supporting authorities.
- 3. An agreed verdict form or alternative versions.
- 4. Motions in limine.

Responses to motions in limine shall be filed by 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before trial. Parties shall email a Word/Wordperfect version of all proposed instructions and verdict forms that are filed to richardson_chambers@tnmd.uscourts.gov.

Any motion to continue the trial shall be filed no later than two weeks prior to the trial date,

and any opposition shall be filed no later than two days after the motion to continue. All defense

motions to continue shall be accompanied by a Waiver of Speedy Trial.

The parties are forewarned that motions filed after the deadlines set forth herein may not

be considered by the Court.

Counsel for the parties shall comply timely with the discovery and motion provisions of

LCrR 12.01 and 16.01.

The Defendant shall attend all Court proceedings in this case. If the Defendant is in

custody, the Government shall take all necessary actions to secure the timely presence of the

Defendant at all Court proceedings. Counsel for the Defendant shall make sure that street clothes

are available timely for the Defendant at trial.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ELI RICHARDSON

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE